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TAGS: PFOR, LE, US

SUBJECT: EVACUATION FROM LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 6250

1. CONFIRMING EARLIER SECURE TELECON,
YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH PLACING AN
ANNOUNCEMENT IN FRIDAY'S BEIRUT PRESS. TEXT SHOULD BE
REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (TITLE: AMERICAN EMBASSY
ORGANIZING GROUP DEPARTURE FOR JULY 20). BEGIN TEXT:
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN BEIRUT WISHES TO INFORM
ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS STILL IN LEBANON THAT IT WILL BE
ELIMINATING THE MAJORITY OF ITS FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING
CONSULAR SERVICES, AS OF MONDAY, JULY 19. IT IS FORCED TO
TAKE THIS STEP BY THE INCREASING DIFFICULTIES OF OPERATING
IN BEIRUT, WHICH REQUIRE THE REDUCTION OF THE EMBASSY STAFF

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TO A BARE MINIMUM. THE EMBASSY WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE

CAPABILITY EFFECTIVELY TO PROVIDE PROTECTION OR SERVICES FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AFTER THAT DATE. WE THEREFORE STRONGLY URGE ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AT THIS TIME.

THE EMBASSY IS ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION FOR DEPARTURE FROM WEST BEIRUT ON TUESDAY, JULY 20. DETAILS OF ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPARTURE WILL BE BROADCAST AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE, AND AT THAT TIME INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE SECURED BY EITHER VISITING OR TELEPHONING THE EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION, TELEPHONE 361800 OR 348319. AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE URGED MEANWHILE TO INFORM THE EMBASSY BY NOON SUNDAY, JULY 18, IF THEY PLAN TO DEPART ON JULY 20.

CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ORGANIZED DEPARTURE SHOULD CONTACT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION. END TEXT.

2. WE ARE KEEPING BRITISH EMBASSY HERE COMPLETELY INFORMED OF OUR PLANS; AND WE PLAN TO INFORM THE FRENCH, ITALIANS, GERMANS, BELGIANS, DUTCH AND PAKISTANIS THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED TO HAVE THEIR CITIZENS PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGANIZED DEPARTURE TO THE EXTENT THAT OUR RESOURCES PERMIT.

3. FOR LONDON/KINSOLVING: BRING FOREGOING TEXT TO ATTENTION FCO FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND REQUEST BBC BEGIN CARRYING IT COMMENCING NO EARLIER THAN FIVE A.M. JULY 16 LONDON TIME. KISSINGER

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